



Welcome to the August edition of the [Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club](#) Newsletter! We'll try to keep you up-to-date with what's happening this month and any future events we're planning or are aware of. This newsletter is automatically distributed to club members, prospective future students who have reached out to us in the last year, and other interested amateur operators in the region. If you do not wish to receive these monthly newsletters, let us know and we can remove you from our distribution list. Alternatively, if you are not included on the mailing list, but would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please reach out to our secretary.

### **August Club Meeting - Tuesday night August 6th, Stratford Town Center**

We hope you're all enjoying the summer. Our next monthly meeting is coming up on Tuesday, August 6th, at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you're a licensed radio operator and would like to become a member, or you're perhaps interested in becoming licensed and would like to find out more about us and the hobby, then please come and join us. We would love to meet you. For anyone who would like to become a member, membership dues are \$30 for 2024 for those who are not currently members of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC). For RAC members, it's \$20 for the year. Our students and graduates from the fall 2023 and spring 2024 classes are automatically members of the club. Our meetings run from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (1900-2100) in the Southport room at the Stratford Town Center on Shakespeare Drive.

Alongside monthly club reports we usually enjoy an information exchange. Over the last year, we've learned about a broad range of topics such as alternate power options for radio operations, 3D printing, SDRs, HF antennas in the field, Parks on the Air Activations, contesting, and how to save on custom fees.

### **Fall 2024 class**

We're hoping to stage another basic licensing course this fall. The tentative plan is to start in September and conclude in early November. If you know anyone who is interested, please have them reach out via the Club website or email us at the address at the bottom of this newsletter. Also, if you are interested in being an instructor, please let Bill VY2WM, Joel VY2KW or Brent VY2HF know and they can schedule you for one or more classes.

### **Charlottetown Flea Market**

Our second flea market held here in Charlottetown was a great success. Thanks to all of you who attended and set up tables. And an even bigger thank you to all who helped organize and set up the event, especially Ricardo VY2AN for finding the perfect venue. Thanks also to Bill

VY2WM and Tracey VY2TAZ for providing lunch. And last but not least thanks to Ricardo VY2AN and Bill VY2WM for their great presentations.

### **International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend - August 17th-18th**

There are several PEI lighthouses that will be activated during the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend [\[ILLW\]](#) - and several more that could be activated. CARC Discord members can find more information in the Lighthouse activation channel here:

<https://discordapp.com/channels/1061290981938429963/1135979141620060261>

### **Mini Contest University**

There will be a "mini" Contest University session at the upcoming Northeast HamXposition <https://hamxposition.org/> on Friday, August, 23 in Marlborough, MA.

This is an all-day program that is included in the HamXposition registration at no extra charge. Interested Amateurs can pre-register here

<https://hamxposition.org/2024/07/11/registrations-now-open-for-mini-contest-university/>

Door prizes will include a DX Engineering Gift Certificate and a signed copy of "Amateur Radio Contesting for Beginners".

9:00 AM Introduction – K1DG and Tim Duffy, K3LR

9:15 AM Getting started in Contesting – Randy Thompson, K5ZD

10:00 AM coffee break

10:15 AM Station Setup for Contesting, Paul Young, K1XM

11:00 AM Antennas for Contesting, Mark Pride, K1RX

11:45 AM Contest Operating Strategy, John Dorr, K1AR

12:30 PM lunch break

1:30 PM Eyeball QSO Party, Doug Grant, K1DG

1:45 PM Remote Operating in Contesting 101 - Gerry Hull, W1VE

2:30 PM Coffee Break

2:45 PM Digital Mode Contesting - Dennis Egan W1UE

3:30 PM Choosing the Best Radio for Contesting, Rob Sherwood, NC0B

4:30 PM prize drawing.

### **Meetings and Events Calendar - August**

1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Thursday night HF nets, on 3727 LSB (+/- QRM) at 8:00 P.M. (2000)

3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Virtual Breakfast 2M nets, 8:00 A.M. (800) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

5: 2M Simplex net, at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Joel, VY2KW

6: Monthly club meeting

7, 14, 21, 28: Wednesday night 2M net at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

17-18: International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend [\[ILLW\]](#)

22-25: [ARRL's Northeast Ham Exposition](#) (Boston area)

### **Future Events**

September 2024: tentative start date for Fall 2024 CARC Basic Licensing Course

21 September: Moncton Area Amateur Radio Club flea market, Lions Club, Coverdale Road, Riverview NB

1-30 September: "Canadian Straight Key Month" with special call sign VC3Y.

Operators are encouraged to volunteer to operate as VC3Y by getting on the activation schedule. There is more information at the [Straight Key Century Club](#) website.

11-12 October: [NEAR Fest Fall Event](#)

Help Us Out!

Do you have something you would like to contribute to this newsletter? Drop us an email at [secretary@charlottetownarc.com](mailto:secretary@charlottetownarc.com).